

Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

August 17, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Michigan's agricultural interests in support of the AT&T proposal to merge with T-Mobile. This is an important deal for local farmers and the state's farming industry. Wireless communication has become an increasingly important tool for farmers. It not only allows for rapid access to market prices and weather, it also powers mobile apps that measure air temperature and soil conditions.

This merger would expand AT&T's 4G LTE network to an additional 55 million people across the country, many of whom currently don't have access to this super-fast wireless technology. The change would transform many communities as it would put new power into the hands of farmers, business owners and residents. It would improve how people communicate and how they gain access to information.

For families living in rural farming communities, access to AT&T's advanced technology would also open new doors for improved education and health care. High-speed broadband gives students and parents the capacity to use online tools to improve the learning experience, particularly where budget constraints have forced municipalities to trim education budgets. Access to a stronger, more secure network would make it easier for local doctors to share medical records electronically with specialists at larger medical centers. This use of technology could dramatically reduce the cost of health care by allowing for new efficiencies like remote monitoring.

The merger of AT&T with T-Mobile would bring many benefits to the state of Michigan. Farmers and their families in small towns would realize great improvements to the quality of their work and their home lives. On behalf of the people of Michigan, I ask that you grant your approval to this merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cnudde", written over a horizontal line.

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CC:

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